Charter Institute at Erskine

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Submission: FY22 Quarter 1 Financials

Department: Finance **Due Date:** 10/29/2021

Details: As outlined in Section 8.7, Monthly and quarterly reporting, of the Charter Contract, the School shall be responsible for entering a monthly upload of all financial transactions in the format prescribed by the Sponsor by the 15th day of the subsequent month and a yearly upload of the audited adjustments by November 15. In addition, the School shall be responsible for submitting a quarterly financial statement in the format prescribed by the Sponsor by the 15th day of the month following the end of each quarter. The Parties agree that it is the responsibility of the Sponsor to use any financial information it obtains, including reports and audits, to monitor the fiscal condition and compliance of the School.

10/18/2021

Submission: Solicitation for New State-Funded SROs, Training, and Equipment

Department: Finance **Due Date:** 10/22/2021

Details: The South Carolina Department of Public Safety's Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs (OHSJP) will be releasing a new School Resource Officer (SRO) Program solicitation, which will accept requests for the following: •New state-funded SRO positions, including training and equipment for those positions, in schools that do not have an SRO; •Training and equipment for existing state-funded SROs

The application will consist of two parts: Part 1. The school will complete a brief application form, to be signed by the school leader, which will include: •Contact information for the school and the law enforcement agency; •An indication of whether funding is requested to be provided to current law enforcement partner(s) for training and/or equipment for existing state-funded SROs. Training and equipment details or costs will not be required to be provided by the district; •A memo from your local law enforcement agency that indicates the agency is able to assign a full-time SRO to the school prior to March 31, 2022, once the award is released (on or about January 1, 2022). Training and equipment details or costs will not be required to be provided by the agency. Part 2. The Institute will work with your law enforcement agency to build a budget request.

Please work with your local law enforcement agency to pre-plan for the solicitation. Please note that the school will not automatically receive the funding by completing the application. The Institute will keep you posted on when the application becomes available. Please reach out to John Li, 803-849-2459, if you have any questions.

Submission: FY21 Annual Audit

Department: Finance **Due Date:** 11/01/2021

Details: Description: As outlined in the Charter Contract, the audit and its findings must be submitted to the Institute by November 1, 2021. The Institute will accept the audit submission by Friday, November 5, 2021. However, for transparency and fairness reasons, the due date for the submission is still November 1, 2021. Any submission after November 1 will be considered late.

Submission: FY22 Waitlist

Department: Finance **Due Date:** 10/22/2021

Details: The Institute is in the process of preparing our annual budget request for the General Assembly. In order to complete the budget request, we will need the current number of students on your waitlist for the 2021 – 2022 school year. The information will be collected in Formstack via this link: https://erskinecharters.formstack.com/forms/fy22_waitist (COPY AND PASTE LINK). The deadline for the projections is Friday, October 22, 2021.

Submission: Dropouts Memo from State and Forms

Department: PowerSchool and IT

Due Date: 11/08/2021

Details: Attached you will find the Memo from the SDE. In addition, the SDE included three other documents. One of those is the document for schools with No Dropouts to complete and submit to the SDE by November 8. If you have any questions regarding dropouts, please contact hholliday@erskinecharters.org.

Submission: ESSER II Benefit Breakout 07/15 Amendments

Department: Federal Programs Finance

Due Date: 10/29/2021

Details: Please update the Benefits Breakout form to reflect the amount that is included in the amended plan. Schools will be unable to seek federal reimbursements for benefits until received. Benefits total must equal the amount requested in the plan. Please refer to SCDE Financial Accounting Handbook for the correct category description

Submission: ESSER III Plan - New Schools

Department: Federal Programs Finance

Due Date: 11/05/2021

Details: Please submit your school's ESSER III plan at: https://erskinecharters.formstack.com/forms/esser_iii_plan_newschool s (After completing the form, please upload the PDF Submission that was emailed via Formstack for the school's and Institute's records.)

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Department: Federal Programs Finance

Due Date: 10/29/2021

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Submission: ESSER II Benefit Breakout 07152021 Amendment

Department: Federal Programs Finance

Due Date: 10/29/2021

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Submission: Parent Right to Know 2021-2022

Department: Title II **Due Date:** 10/29/2021

Details: Under federal law, parents have the right to know: 1) whether a teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction; 2) whether a teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 3) the baccalaureate degree major of a teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree;

Submission: FY20 ESSER I Plan Amendment

Department: Federal Programs Finance

Due Date: 10/29/2021

Details: If your school currently needs an amendment for FY20 ESSER I, please upload the completed, signed amendment form using the attached template. If your school does not need an amendment, please answer "No" in the survey to be removed from this submission. You do NOT have to upload anything if you select "No". (Note: Currently, amendment deadlines during the 2021-2022 school year will be October 29, January 15, and April 15.) No submissions will be accepted after October 29, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Submission: FY21 ESSER II Amendment Request

Department: Federal Programs Finance

Due Date: 10/29/2021

Details: If your school currently needs an amendment for FY21 ESSER II, please upload the completed, signed amendment form using the attached template. If your school does not need an amendment, please answer "No" in the survey to be removed from this submission. You do NOT have to upload anything if you select "No". (Note: Currently, amendment deadlines during the 2021-2022 school year will be October 29, January 15, and April 15.) No submissions will be accepted after October 29, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Submission: FY21 ATSI Plan Amendment Request

Department: Federal Programs Finance

Due Date: 10/29/2021

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Submission: FY20 ATSI Plan Amendment Request

Department: Federal Programs Finance

Due Date: 10/29/2021

Details: If your school currently needs an amendment for FY20 ATSI, please upload the completed, signed amendment form using the attached template. If your school does not need an amendment, please answer "No" in the survey to be removed from this submission. You do NOT have to upload anything if you select "No". (Note: Currently, amendment deadlines during the 2021-2022 school year will be October 29, January 15, and April 15.) No submissions will be accepted after October 29, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Submission: FY21 CTE EIA Plan Amendment

Department: CTE

Due Date: 10/29/2021

Details: If your school currently needs an amendment for FY21 CTE EIA, please upload the completed, signed amendment form using the attached template. If your school does not need an amendment, please answer "No" in the survey to be removed from this submission. You do NOT have to upload anything if you select "No". (Note: Currently, amendment deadlines during the 2021-2022 school year will be October 29, January 15, and April 15.) No submissions will be accepted after October 29, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Submission: FY21 GEER Plan Amendment

Department: Federal Programs Finance

Due Date: 10/29/2021

Details: If your school currently needs an amendment for FY21 GEER plan, please upload the completed, signed amendment form using the attached template. If your school does not need an amendment, please answer "No" in the survey to be removed from this submission. You do NOT have to upload anything if you select "No". (Note: Currently, amendment deadlines during the 2021-2022 school year will be October 29, January 15, and April 15.) No submissions will be accepted after October 29, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Announcement: Formative Data Testing Percentage Requirements for Fall

Contact Person: Heather Holliday

Department(s): Accountability, Assessment

Start Date: 09/15/2021 **End Date**: 10/22/2021

Details: Preliminary guidance (not final and not official) has been provided concerning the minimum percentage of students needing to have participated in Fall formative testing. The attached memo has greater details. The numbers regarding enrollment included in the memo reflect the required number of students to test at each grade level and overall by school as of Day 5 enrollment information. Please direct any questions to hholliday@erskinecharters.org.

Announcement: Notice of Upcoming Solicitation- State-Funded School Resource Officers, Training, and Equipment

Contact Person: John Li Department(s): Finance Start Date: 09/21/2021 End Date: 10/20/2021

Details: The attached is a brief summary of a more comprehensive solicitation that will be finalized and released in the near future. This solicitation may have a relatively short application period, so please use the information contained in this document to pre-plan for the solicitation. If any information in this document is different than the final solicitation, the final solicitation will take precedence. Please work with your local law enforcement agency to pre-plan for the solicitation. Please note that the school will not automatically receive the funding by completing the application. The Institute will keep you posted when the application becomes available.

Announcement: School Test Coordinator Newsletter Sept 27

Contact Person: Heather Holliday Department(s): Assessment Start Date: 09/27/2021

Details: Attached is the newsletter for all School Test Coordinators. Contact hholliday@erskinecharters.org with any questions.

Thank you.

Announcement: PEBA Open Enrollment 2021

Contact Person: Robbie Anderson

Department(s): Human Resources and Benefits

Start Date: 10/01/2021 **End Date:** 10/31/2021

End Date: 11/01/2021

Details: PEBA Open Enrollment will officially begin on October 1 and will run until October 31. Employees are able to enroll or make changes in their insurance. Employees can also re-enroll in MoneyPlus and make changes in Life Insurance. Changes

will be effective January 1, 2022. For any questions, please contact Robbie Anderson at (803) 429-2355 or

randerson@erskinecharters.org

Announcement: MTSS Coordinator Training

Contact Person: Laura Merrick

Department(s): MTSS Start Date: 10/03/2021 End Date: 11/03/2021

Details: The MTSS Quarterly Training will be held on 11/3/21 from 10:00-11:00. More information will follow.

Announcement: SC Teaching Fellows Application

Contact Person: Paula Gray

Department(s): Human Resources and Benefits

Start Date: 10/04/2021 **End Date:** 12/01/2021

Details: Here's what you need to know about the Teaching Fellows Program: Provides fellowships for up to 215 students each year; Includes enrichment programs, professional development, and leadership opportunities; Supplies up to a \$6000 fellowship annually for four years; Requires participants to agree to teach in a SC public school one year for each year funding is received. Teaching Fellows must attend one of the eleven Teaching Fellows Institutions. These include Anderson University, Charleston Southern University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Francis Marion University, Lander University, USC Aiken, USC Columbia, USC Upstate, and Winthrop University.

To apply for Teaching Fellows, a student must be: •A United States citizen or will be an eligible non-citizen under State Residency statutes at the time of high school graduation (Please note - students categorized as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are not eligible for Teaching Fellows.); •A legal resident of South Carolina (Please note - The Teaching Fellows Institution will verify residency after a student has been offered an award.); •A high school senior or a junior who is graduating early. Please contact Paula Gray at pgray@erskinecharters.org for more details.

Announcement: Section 504 Coordinator Quarterly Roundtable

Contact Person: Kathy Griffin

Department(s): Special Education and 504

Start Date: 10/08/2021 **End Date:** 11/09/2021

Details: 504 Coordinators quarterly roundtable will be held via Zoom on November 9th at 11 AM. Contact Kathy Griffin for

more information. Links to attend the meeting will be sent directly to School 504 Coordinators.

Announcement: SPED Coordinator Monthly Roundtable

Contact Person: Kathy Griffin

Department(s): Special Education and 504

Start Date: 10/08/2021 **End Date:** 11/09/2021

Details: SPED Coordinator monthly roundtable will be held on 11/9/2021 from 1:00-2:00. More information will follow.

Announcement: Free Online Training for IT Skills for Students, Teachers, and Staff - Skillsets of Silicon Valley

Contact Person: Jason Jones

Department(s): Leadership, PowerSchool and IT

Start Date: 10/08/2021 **End Date:** 11/07/2021

Details: The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is offering individual districts and schools the opportunity to establish an online IT skills training hub through SkillSets of Silicon Valley by leveraging its existing contract agreement. The district hub administered locally will feature COVID-19 training opportunities, as well as over 7,000 technical and leadership professional development courses for all employees and students.

Note this opportunity would be a 2-year individual hub with unlimited access and users administered as a district account with school level admins with ability to load staff and students. Each school can decide whom (teachers, staff, students, etc) would have access to this resource. New courses are added weekly. I have attached a short list of example courses.

If you are interested in participating or need more information, please send an email to jjones@erskinecharters.org with the name and email of the person who will be administering the program for your school.

Announcement: FY20 ESSER I Amendment or Carryforward Approval Memo

Contact Person: Ashley Sturkie

Department(s): Federal Programs Finance

Start Date: 10/08/2021 **End Date:** 10/22/2021

Details: The Charter Institute at Erskine has been notified of approval of all CARES Act plan (ESSER I) amendment requests from the South Carolina Department of Education. Please see the attached approval memo containing your school's current approved plan and SmartFusion budget. The Institute is currently working on updating the reimbursement process and the documents needed for reimbursement submission to ensure an efficient process for schools. The reimbursement process and required documents will be shared in upcoming trainings and a memo will be sent to outline the required documentation for this fund as in previous years.

Announcement: FY 21 CTE EIA Amendment Approval

Contact Person: Ashley Sturkie

Department(s): CTE, Federal Programs Finance

Start Date: 10/11/2021 **End Date**: 10/25/2021

Details: The Charter Institute at Erskine has been notified of approval of all FY21 CTE EIA plan amendments. Please see the attached approval memo containing your school's current approved plan and SmartFusion Budget. The Institute is currently working on updating the reimbursement process and the documents needed for reimbursement submission to ensure an efficient process for schools. The reimbursement process and required documents will be shared in upcoming trainings and a memo will be sent to outline the required documentation for this fund as in previous years.

Announcement: Let's Work Smart Monthly Drop-In Q&A Session

Contact Person: Elizabeth Riberdy

Department(s): Leadership Start Date: 10/12/2021 End Date: 10/26/2021

Details: The Institute is offering optional LWS Training Sessions. There will be an optional virtual drop-in session on Tuesday, October 26th from 1:00pm - 1:30pm. Although we are always available for assistance via email and phone, this is a designated time we will be available to answer questions and provide support if needed by your school. These are drop-in Q&A sessions to answer any questions related to LWS. Please see the attached memo for more information on additional training opportunities.

Announcement: FY 21 CTE EIA Carryforward Budget and Plan

Contact Person: Ashley Sturkie

Department(s): CTE, Federal Programs Finance

Start Date: 10/13/2021 **End Date:** 10/27/2021

Details: The Charter Institute is sending a reminder that your school's FY21 CTE EIA budget has carried forward to continue claiming expenditures during FY22 (school year 2021-2022).

Please see the attached approval memo containing your school's current approved plan and updated carryforward SmartFusion budget. The Institute is currently working on updating the reimbursement process and the documents needed for reimbursement submission to ensure an efficient process for schools. The reimbursement process and required documents will be shared in upcoming trainings and a memo will be sent to outline the required documentation for this fund as in previous years.

Announcement: KRA score entry percentage completion as of Oct 15

Contact Person: Heather Holliday Department(s): Assessment

Start Date: 10/15/2021 **End Date:** 10/19/2021

Details: Attached is a file showing your current percentage completion for entering KRA data into the KRA system listed out by teacher. Remember that all KRA testing must be completed by your Day 45. Please ensure all data is entered into the KRA system no later than 2 days after your Day 45 is complete. I will run this report again Monday and Tuesday to keep you informed. Contact Heather Holliday with questions. If you are already at 100% completion, you will not receive additional files. The expectation from the SDE is that ALL Kindergarten students will be tested on KRA.

Announcement: FY21 ESSER II Amendment or Carryforward Approval Memo

Contact Person: Ashley Sturkie

Department(s): Federal Programs Finance

Start Date: 10/15/2021 **End Date:** 10/29/2021

Details: The Charter Institute at Erskine has been notified of approval of all ESSER II amendment requests from the South Carolina Department of Education. Please see the attached approval memo containing your school's current approved plan and SmartFusion budget. The Institute is currently working on updating the reimbursement process and the documents needed for reimbursement submission to ensure an efficient process for schools. The reimbursement process and required documents will be shared in upcoming trainings and a memo will be sent to outline the required documentation for this fund as in previous years.

Announcement: Update on Federal Programs Processes

Contact Person: Haley Perez

Department(s): Additional Targeted Support and Improvement, Comprehensive Support and Improvement, CTE, Federal

Programs Finance, Title I, Title II

Start Date: 10/15/2021 **End Date:** 10/29/2021

Details: As you know, the Institute is currently working on updating federal programs processes, including the reimbursement process and the documents needed for reimbursement submission to ensure an efficient process for schools. In order to update this process to increase effectiveness, the Institute has obtained feedback from various stakeholders, including school leaders, Institute staff, school stakeholders, and external stakeholders. Please review the attached memo in Let's Work Smart for more information on these updates. The Institute will host a brief, optional virtual session via Zoom on Monday, October 25, 2021 from 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to share a high-level overview of these changes, as well as the philosophy and reason for the updates. We are looking forward to sharing these updates with you! Please contact Haley Perez (hperez@erskinecharters.org) with any questions or concerns.